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### Positions

Asst. Prof. 2019-Present **University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Social Work**  
Affiliate 2019-Present **Center for Demography and Ecology, Inequality Research Area Co-Director**  
Affiliate 2019-Present **Institute for Research on Poverty**  
Affiliate 2019-Present **Prevention Research Center**

### Education

Ph.D. 2015-2019 **Columbia University School of Social Work**  
Economics and Social Policy concentrations  
Dissertation: Three Essays on Early Child Maltreatment Prevention  
Committee: Jane Waldfogel, Heidi Allen, Andrew Gelman, Theodore Joyce, and Julien Teitler

M.Phil. 2018 **Columbia University**  
Social Work

M.P.A. 2012-2014 **Cornell University**  
Social Policy and Public Policy

B.A. 2003-2007 **University of Colorado at Boulder**  
International and Public Affairs

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

**Pac, Jessica.** (2017) “The Effect of Monthly Stipend on the Placement Instability of Youth in Out-Of-Home Care” *Children and Youth Services Review*, 72, 111-123

**Pac, Jessica, Waldfogel, Jane, and Wimer, Christopher.** (2017) “Poverty among Foster Children: Estimates Using the Supplemental Poverty Measure” *Social Service Review*, 91(1), 8-40

**Pac, Jessica, Nam, Jae Hyun, Waldfogel, Jane, and Wimer, Christopher.** (2017) “Young Child Poverty in the United States: Analyzing Trends in Poverty and the Role of Anti-Poverty Programs Using the Supplemental Poverty Measure” *Children and Youth Services Review*, 74, 35-49

### Under Review

**Pac, Jessica, Bartel, Ann, Ruhm, Christopher, and Waldfogel, Jane.** “Understanding the Effects of California’s Paid Family Leave Law on Breastfeeding” *NBER Working Paper #25784 (American Journal of Health Economics)*

**Pac, Jessica, Nolan, Laura, Wimer, Christopher, Nam, Jae Hyun, Garfinkel, Irwin, Kaushal, Neeraj, and Waldfogel, Jane.** “Reducing Poverty among Children: Evidence from State Policy Simulations” (*Revise and Resubmit, Children and Youth Services Review*)

**Pac, Jessica.** “ECEC Programs in the United States: Does Access Improve Child Safety?” (*Revise and Resubmit, Social Service Review*)

## **Working Papers**

**Pac, Jessica.** “The Effect of Medicaid on Child Maltreatment: Evidence from Early Expansions in California”

**Pac, Jessica.** “Temperature and Child Maltreatment”

**Pac, Jessica, Wimer, Chris, Waldfogel, Jane.** “Effects of Medicaid expansion on health insurance coverage and poverty among adults with health challenges”

## **Work in Progress**

**Pac, Jessica, Glied, Sherry, and Waldfogel, Jane.** “Early Identification of Child Maltreatment using Machine Learning: A Medicaid Claims Application”

Hardy, Bradley, **Pac, Jessica,** and Zewde, Naomi. “A Wealth of Problems: An Examination of the Mental Health Consequences of Student Loans”

**Pac, Jessica, Berger, Lawrence, Wimer, Chris and Waldfogel, Jane.** “The Effects of Child Poverty Reductions on Child Maltreatment and Placement into Out-of-Home Care”

**Pac, Jessica.** “Paid Family Leave and Child Maltreatment”

**Pac, Jessica.** “Iodine Deficiency and Human Capital: Shifting the Curve?”

Pac, Gregory, and **Pac, Jessica.** “Reducing Young Adult Smoking: Evidence from New York State”

## **Policy Reports**

Bartel, Ann, **Pac, Jessica, Ruhm, Christopher, Waldfogel, Jane.** “Paid Family Leave and Breastfeeding: Evidence from California” CEPR Policy Brief, VoxEU.org

Doran, Elizabeth, **Pac, Jessica, Waldfogel, Jane** “[Paid Family and Medical Leave Improves Child and Family Well-Being](#)” SCRDC Child Evidence Brief No. 5

Laird, Jennifer, **Pac, Jessica,** and Wimer, Christopher. “[Dimming the Lights: Eliminating Energy Assistance Would Move 200,000 People Into Poverty Hurting the Rural Poor the Most](#)” *Center on Poverty and Social Policy, Columbia University, 1(1), May 4, 2017*

Laird, Jennifer, Hartley, Robert Paul, **Pac, Jessica,** Wimer, Christopher, and Waldfogel, Jane. “[Taking Food off the Table: Understanding Who Would be Affected by Potential SNAP Cuts and How](#)” *Center on Poverty and Social Policy, Columbia University, 2(1), January 22, 2018*

Nolan, Laura, **Pac, Jessica, Wimer, Christopher, Nam, Jae Hyun, Garfinkel, Irwin, Kaushal, Neeraj, and Waldfogel, Jane.** “[Poverty in the 50 States: Long-Term Trends and the Role of Social Policies](#)” *Center on Poverty and Social Policy, Columbia University, September 20, 2016*

## **Grants Under Review**

Investigator – “Prenatal Opioid Exposure: Birth, health, social welfare, and educational outcomes of mothers and their children”, with MPIs Deb Ehrental and Lawrence Berger NIH R01 HD102125-01 (\$1,755,897)

Co-PI – “Flooding, Infrastructure, and Families: Unforeseen Community Consequences of Climate Change” with Meg Bea, IRP seed grant competition (\$42,003) – 1/2020 submission

### **Grants Under Preparation**

PI – “Reporting Suspected Maltreatment in Early Childhood: A Nudge-Based Intervention for Pediatricians”, NIH NICHD R21 (\$275,000) – 2/2020 submission

PI – “Infant and Child Mortality: The Role of Unobserved Maltreatment and Health Inequalities”, NIH NICHD K01 – 2/2021 submission

### **Current Funding**

PI – “Reporting Suspected Maltreatment in Early Childhood: A Nudge-Based Intervention for Pediatricians”, UW-Madison Fall Competition 2019-2020 (\$51,308)

Co-PI - Help for Children. (HFC), “Early Identification of Child Maltreatment using Machine Learning: A Medicaid Claims Application” with Jane Waldfogel and Sherry Glied (\$37,896)

PI - Casey Family Programs, “The Effects of Child Poverty Reductions on Child Maltreatment and Placement into Out-of-Home Care” with Lawrence Berger (\$54,428) in partnership with Jane Waldfogel and Chris Wimer

### **Fellowships and Honors**

Doctoral Dissertation award, Center on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University and Institute for Research on Poverty, 2018/2019 (\$20,000)

Doctoral Fellowship, Columbia University School of Social Work, 2015-2019 (\$20,000 annually)

Doctoral Summer Research Funding, Columbia University School of Social Work, 2015-2019 (\$6,000 annually)

Columbia Population Research Center travel grant, 2017-2019 (\$2,000 annually)

SIPP Workshop grant, 2017 (\$1,000)

Cornell University merit-based CIPA fellowship, 2012-2014 (\$30,000 annually)

### **Invited and Peer-Reviewed Presentations**

2019 “The Effect of Medicaid on Child Maltreatment: Evidence from Early Expansions in California,” Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“The Effect of Medicaid on Child Maltreatment: Evidence from Early Expansions in California,” University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Social Work

2018 “Social Policy Solutions for Child Maltreatment Prevention,” Indiana University-Bloomington O’Neill School of Public Affairs

**Pac, Jessica.** “Hot Tempered: New Evidence on Temperature and Child Maltreatment”

2020 Society for Social Work and Research, Washington D.C.

2019 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Denver, CO

**Pac, Jessica,** Waldfogel, Jane, and Wimer, Christopher. “Effects of Medicaid expansion on health insurance coverage and poverty among adults with health challenges”

2019 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Denver, CO

**Pac, Jessica** “The Effect of Medicaid on Child Maltreatment: Evidence from Early Expansions in California”

2019 Child Welfare Evaluation Summit, Washington D.C.

2019 Population Association of America, Austin, TX

- 2019 Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA
- 2018 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, D.C.

Bartel, Ann, **Pac, Jessica**, Ruhm, Christopher, and Waldfogel, Jane. “Understanding the Effects of California’s Paid Family Leave Law on Infant and Child Health”

- 2019 FRDC Conference, Madison, WI
- 2018 Work Family Researchers Network Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2018 Population Association of America, Denver, CO
- 2017 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago, IL

**Pac, Jessica.** “The Effect of Monthly Stipend on the Placement Instability of Youth in Out-Of-Home Care”

- 2015 Economic Causes and Consequences of Child Maltreatment, Children and Youth Services Review Special Issue Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Institute on Poverty

**Affiliations**

- 2019-Present Institute for Research on Poverty Affiliate
- 2019-Present Center for Demography & Ecology Affiliate, Research Area Co-Director on Inequality Prevention Research Center Affiliate
- 2019-Present U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status Researcher
- 2019-Present Center on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University Affiliate
- 2015-Present Center on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University Fellow
- 2015-Present Columbia Population Research Center Fellow
- 2012-2014 Cornell Population Research Center Fellow

*Member*

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Society for Social Work and Research, American Society of Health Economists, American Economic Association, and Population Association of America

*Reviewer*

Journal of Human Capital  
 Children and Youth Services Review  
 SSM Population Health